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Stillborn

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A deafness
whispers of the mourning
chuckles from the nurses
all have been sheathed
all has remained silent from the blue lips
of a baby
deep shaky breaths are taken from a worn mother
stale breath hangs in the air
sterilizing the metal instruments
stared bleakly upon by the fluorescent bulbs
a whimper of infinite sorrow and pain
shatters the silence
nurses and medical aides crowd the
still crib
all grimacing in awe
at the beauty and grace
of what was created to live
but could only experience
death
the infectuous carcass of the infant
radiates depression and regret

the baby lies
still
still
still

